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# Announcements

**Note: Copies of all Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, or through any bookseller.**

## ADVERTISEMENT LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the announcement in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16 May (page 251), regarding the coming into force of the Advertisement Lighting (Restriction) Order, 1942, attention is drawn to the fact that Article 41 of Part IV of the Lighting (Restrictions) Order, 1940 (S. R. & O. 1940 No. 74) was repealed by the Lighting (Restrictions) (Amendment) Order, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 153, price 1d.). In consequence the exception provided for in Article 1 (ii) of the Advertisement Lighting (Restriction) Order, 1942, does *not* cover such display of light in shops for purposes of advertisement as is described in Article 41 of the Lighting (Restrictions) Order, 1940.

## GEM DIAMONDS

### CONTROL OF MANUFACTURE ORDER

The Board of Trade have made the Gem Diamonds (Control of Manufacture) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 930, price 1d.) prohibiting the manufacture, after 1 June 1942, of gem diamonds except under licence. Mr. F. A. Mathias has been appointed Controller of Gem Diamonds; the address of the Control is Artillery Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Correspondence regarding licences should be addressed to The Assistant Secretary, Industries and Manufactures (1), Board of Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

## IMPORT LICENSING

### GOODS FROM EIRE: CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS FROM ALL COUNTRIES: BEESWAX FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

The Import Licensing Department have issued a new Notice to Importers which incorporates the substance of their previous Notices, and copies may be obtained from that Department at 1–6 Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. The main change announced is that all goods (except live quadruped animals) from Eire will be subject to licensing with the following exceptions:—

(*a*) Those that may be imported without separate licence from all countries;

(*b*) Those that may be imported without separate licence from the Empire; and

(*c*) Agricultural implements other than hand tools.
Agricultural machinery.
Agricultural and vegetable seeds except cereal seeds.
Animal hair, raw, other than wool of sheep and lambs.
Beer.
Books, printed, and other printed matter for reading purposes, music, catalogues, trade lists, advertising materials manuscripts, typescripts and like products of duplicating machines.
Buttermilk.
Cement, calcareous, ground and unground.
Clay.
Compressed gases.
Cordage, cables, rope and twine of vegetable fibre, including waste, pieces and worn-out lengths.
Cotton waste.
Dairy machinery.
Flax, flax tow and flax waste, but not including flax straw.
Glycerine.
Hydrocarbon, oils.
Iron pyrites, including cupreous pyrites.
Jute manufactures, the following:—
Thread, yarn, bags and sacks.
Kelp.
Linen manufactures, the following:—
Manufactures of linen returned to the United Kingdom after embroidery in Eire without further change in form or character.
Yarn and thread.
Malt.

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Milk, fresh, including sterilised, homogenised or peptonised and skimmed liquid milk.
Paints and painters' materials, the following :—
Distempers, whether dry or not.
Dry earth colours.
Paints, painters' enamels, lacquers, frits, vitreous enamels and varnishes.
Pigments and extenders, including metallic powders (except aluminium powder), whether dry or with oil or other medium.
Peat fuel.
Plants, roots and tubers commonly used for cultivation of vegetables, but not including seed onions (including shallots) and seed potatoes.
Road vehicles of all kinds.
Rock crystal quartz.
Sand, ground or unground.
Seaweed, raw, unground, dried or bleached but not further prepared or treated.
Toys, shown by means of a certificate issued by the Eireann Department of Supplies, to have been made under the auspices of the Gaeltacht Services Branch of the Eireann Department of Lands.
Wood and timber, in the round, hewn or square sawn, but not further manufactured than by subjecting to one or more of the following processes, that is to say, planing or dressing, tonguing and grooving or other jointing, profiling or chamfering.
Yeast, whether dead or alive.

In addition unexposed cinematograph film from all countries, and beeswax from the Empire, certain French Possessions, the Belgian Congo, and Ruanda Urundi will require separate licences for importation into this country.

These changes will come into force on 9 June 1942.

## EXPORT LICENSING

### COTTON GOODS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9 May regarding the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 23) Order, 1942, the Board of Trade wish to point out that the instruction regarding the direction of applications for export licences to the Cotton Board applies only to the cotton goods mentioned in the Order. Applications for licences for woollen goods should be made to the Export Licensing Department in the usual way.

### EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (No. 24) ORDER, 1942

Under the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 24) Order, 1942, (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 929, price 1d.) which comes into force on 9 June 1942, control is extended to cover certain kinds of furniture (including furniture parts and fittings); manufactures wholly or partly of kapok; cotton stockinette sacks, bags and wrappers; upholsterers' skewers and pins; parts of office machinery and a number of additional chemicals.

Licences will, in future, be required to export the following classes of goods to all destinations :—

Furniture and furniture parts and fittings, the following :—
Bedsteads, chair beds, folding beds, bunks, cots and divans, complete and incomplete, with metal frames or with mattresses wholly or partly of metal.
Bed ends, wholly or mainly of metal.
Mattresses, wholly or partly of metal.
Parts and fittings, wholly or mainly of metal, for bedsteads, chair beds, folding beds, bunks, cots, divans and mattresses.
Castors (including ball castors), wholly or mainly of metal.
Furniture gliders, wholly or mainly of metal.
Upholstery springs.
Upholsterers' skewers and pins.
Cotton and cotton manufactures, the following :—
Knitted, netted and crocheted goods, wholly or mainly of cotton, the following :—
Stockinette sacks, bags and wrappers.
Manufactures wholly or partly of kapok.
Lime.
Methylene chloride.

Applications for licences to export the furniture and furniture parts and fittings specified above; manufactures wholly or partly of kapok and methylene chloride will not, normally, be entertained.

The existing licensing requirements with respect to (*a*) licorice and licorice root; (*b*) accounting, adding, calculating, listing, tabulating and typewriting machines, and (*c*) cycles (other than motor cycles) are superseded by the provisions that licences will, in future, be required to export :—

(*a*) Licorice root and its extracts, and preparations thereof.
(*b*) Accounting, adding, calculating, listing, tabulating and typewriting machines, any combination of the foregoing machines; and keyboard and frame sections; type units and carriages for such machines.
(*c*) Cycles (other than motor cycles) and parts and accessories thereof manufactured wholly or mainly of metal.

The existing control has been extended to cover the salts of citric acid.

## CHANGES IN HIS MAJESTY'S TRADE COMMISSIONER SERVICE

The Department of Overseas Trade announces that Mr. J. L. Wilson Goode, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner, Grade II, at Vancouver, will retire from the public service on 15 September 1942. He will be succeeded by Mr. G. H. Selous, O.B.E., who will have the rank of His Majesty's Trade Commissioner, Grade I, at Vancouver.

## CONTROL OF PAPER

### DIRECTORIES

The publication of directories in which a small proportion of the entries is paid for is permitted by Direction No. 9 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 916, price 1d.), issued by the Ministry of Supply under the Control of Paper (No. 36) Order, 1941.

### GREETING CARDS

By Direction No. 8 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 880, price 1d.) under the Control of Paper (No. 36) Order, 1941 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22 November 1941, page 316), the Minister of Supply has revoked the No. 4 Direction (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7 February 1942, page 74) relating to the manufacture of greetings cards. Permission to continue such manufacture subject to conditions will, in future, be given by individual licence to manufacturers.

## CLOTHING AND TEXTILE SUPPLIES

Arrangements for the manufacture and supply of gloves, and fur apparel, lace, mattresses, quilts and headwear after 31 May will be as follows :—

*Gloves and Fur Apparel.*—The present quotas under the Limitation of Supplies (Cloth and Apparel) Order, 1941 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 30 August 1941, page 117), for the supply of leather and fabric gloves and fur apparel will be continued at the same rates for a period of two months. During this period the Board of Trade will discuss with the industries the nature of their future production. Knitted gloves will in future be controlled as products of the hosiery industry.

*Lace.*—The manufacture of lace, lace curtains and other goods at present included in Class 4 of the Limitation of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 13) Order, 1941 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6 December 1941, page 354), for the home civilian trade will be prohibited as from 1 June except for glass replacement fabric and hair nets. The prohibition will not, of course, apply to manufacture for Government orders, and licences will be given on application for the manufacture of goods for export and for the use of stocks of yarn, and also for the manufacture of essential goods such as mosquito netting and anti-scatter fabrics. The present 25 per cent. quota for supplies will be continued for the present at the same rate, but the prohibition on the manufacture of lace of types other than those specified may later be extended to a prohibition on supply also.

*Mattresses.*—The present supply quota of 50 per cent. by value will be reduced to 25 per cent., and manufacture will be confined, subject to licences for goods in course of production, to mattresses of a utility type whose specification is being determined in agreement with the industry. Mattresses of this type will have to be marked and will be subject to maximum prices.

ALL CLASSES OF INSURANCE TRANSACTED
CAR & GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD.
83 PALL MALL, LONDON, S.W.1.

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*Quilts.*—The present arrangements for the manufacture of quilts from existing stocks of material, subject to certain price limits, will be continued substantially unaltered. The quota for supplies will be reduced from 50 per cent. to 25 per cent. by value. Manufacture of other household stuffed goods will in general be prohibited, but licences may be issued for any particular goods which serve an essential purpose.

HEADWEAR

*Felt Hat Hoods.*—The quota for supplies of felt hat hoods during the six months June to November will be reduced to the rate of 10 per cent. of standard period supplies, but licences will be considered for supplies outside quota to special organisations who can show essential need and also for some further release of stocks.

*Cloth for Milliners.*—Owing to increasing difficulties in the supply of textiles it will be impossible to issue any more coupons to enable hat manufacturers to obtain cloth. Coupons will still be issued for cloth for workmen's utility caps, and also to a small extent for children's or infants' headwear.

Enquiries regarding any of these goods and any applications for licences should be addressed to the Board of Trade, Marsham Court, Bournemouth. The Order will not be available for a few days.

## QUOTA-FREE COUPONS AND EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS

### NEW ARRANGEMENTS AFTER 31 MAY

With the disappearance of certain textile quotas after 31 May new arrangements will come into force in respect of quota-free coupons and equivalent documents. None of these coupons or documents at present in circulation will, on surrender to a registered supplier, confer any right on that supplier to supply any goods in excess of the new quotas which will come into force on 1 June. Quota-free coupons and equivalent documents will, however, retain their validity as coupons or coupon equivalents.

This change will necessitate a revised procedure to enable controlled goods to be supplied in certain cases outside quota. This will be as follows :—

EXPORT

Registered persons will still be able to supply non-utility non-wool cloth, gloves and fur apparel outside their quota by direct export. They will also be able to supply outside their quota non-utility non-wool cloth to persons whose names are entered on Part II of the Cloth and Apparel Register for Class A, and to supply gloves outside their quota to persons whose names are entered on Part II of the Register for Class D. Where, however, they are exporting indirectly through unregistered persons, or are supplying cloth to unregistered makers-up for export, they must now apply to the Board of Trade, Marsham Court, Bournemouth, for licences to enable them to supply these goods outside their quota. Their application should be accompanied by certificates issued by the Board of Trade to the exporters for this purpose. These certificates will in future be issued at the time when coupons are allocated, but exporters who wish to obtain goods against quota free coupons already issued to them either for export or in replacement of goods exported should apply to Marsham Court stating the name of their export customer and of their supplier and the description and quantity of goods which they wish to obtain for this purpose.

With regard to other classes of goods, manufacturers of knitted goods will require to obtain individual licences for the supply of cotton or woollen goods or rayon stockings for export in excess of their quota ; a general licence will be issued allowing the supply of those rayon knitted goods other than stockings for which no export licence is required outside quota for direct export, and manufacturers wishing to supply these goods for indirect export may apply for the licences to Marsham Court as in the previous paragraph. Corset manufacturers wishing to supply goods for export will need to obtain individual licences for which application should be made to the Board of Trade, Industries and Manufactures Department 2, Millbank, London, S.W.1. Manufacturers of footwear will receive pairage allocations for export over and above their pairage allocations for the home trade.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND OTHER SPECIAL CONSUMERS

Registered manufacturers will still be able to supply controlled goods outside their quota after 31 May to Local Authorities and other bodies included in the Third and Fourth Schedules of the Limitation of Supplies (Cloth and Apparel) Order, 1941. Where, however, they wish to supply such goods outside their quota to these bodies through unregistered persons, or in general wish to supply goods in circumstances where hitherto they would have supplied against quota-free documents of any of the kinds specified on pages 70 to 79 of "Coupons and Quotas," they should apply for licences to Marsham Court stating the description and quantity of the goods which they wish to supply and the organisation to whom they wish to supply them. Applications should be supported by evidence of the release of raw materials for the purpose, and also by the relevant order from the organisation ; if it is preferred applications may be made by the unregistered persons, enclosing the orders they have received from the Local Authority or other organisation, and asking for licences to be issued to their registered suppliers.

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PART II OF THE CLOTH AND APPAREL REGISTER

As a result of increasing restrictions upon exports of certain kinds of clothing, the provision for the supply of such clothing without coupons to exporters included in Part II of the Cloth and Apparel Register is no longer appropriate. Consequently the supply of rationed goods without coupons to exporters entered on Part II of the Register will be confined to the supply of woven wool and non-wool cloth and garments made therefrom, gloves, footwear and hand knitting yarn. Exporters at present included in Part II of the Register for other classes of goods may apply for coupons to Marsham Court. In order to facilitate applications, exporters of goods subject to export licence may send to Marsham Court a copy of the application they make for licences to the Export Licensing Department, and in such cases coupons will be issued automatically when an export licence is granted.

## RUBBER GLOVES

Rubber gloves have hitherto been available for purchase not only by doctors, electricians and others who need them for essential purposes, but also by the general public. Henceforward the sale of rubber gloves for other than absolutely essential use is prohibited. Under the Rubber Gloves Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 918, price 1d.), gloves made wholly or partly of rubber may not be supplied except against a certificate signed by one of the following persons and endorsed by the person to be supplied with his name :—

His Majesty's Inspector of Factories.

A person authorised in that behalf by the Secretary of State for Scotland ; the Minister of Health ; the Board of Trade ; the Minister of War Transport ; the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries ; the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ; the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, and the Government Secretary of the Isle of Man.

Traders to whom certificates in this form are surrendered may pass them back endorsed with their name to their own suppliers in order to obtain replacement. If they have no rubber gloves in stock they may accept the certificate and pass it back in order to obtain gloves to fulfil the order.

Supplies to Government Departments and by direct export are exempt, and also supplies of sports gloves and gloves which contain rubber only as elastic in the wrist.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES

1. Industrial concerns covered by the Factories Act, 1937, may apply forthwith to H.M. Inspectors of Factories. Certificates will be given only where the industrial need is considered essential and where no substitute for rubber gloves is available.

2. Agricultural veterinary surgeons in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland respectively may apply forthwith to :

(*a*) The Ministry of Agriculture (Animal Health Division), Fernlea Hotel, St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire.

(*b*) The Department of Agriculture for Scotland, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, 1.

(*c*) The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, Stormont, Belfast.

Applications may also be made to the same authorities by agricultural research institutes and advisory centres for gloves required for other than veterinary purposes.

3. Rubber gloves for essential medical needs. Institutions and individuals needing rubber gloves for medical purposes are requested to await a further notice which will be issued shortly by the Ministry of Health, the Department of Health for Scotland and the Department of Health, Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

4. Shipping and inland transport undertakings.

(*a*) Highway authorities and inland transport undertakings (including port authorities) so far as not covered by H.M. Inspectors of Factories may apply to the Principal Priority Officer, Ministry of War Transport (Inland Transport), Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, London.

(*b*) Shipowners should apply in respect of rubber gloves for use by ships' doctors or for other essential purposes on ships at sea to a Ministry of War Transport Marine Surveyor.

## UTILITY WOOL CLOTH FOR DESIGNATED FIRMS

Designated makers-up will shortly receive from the Wool Control certificates which will enable them to obtain supplies of utility wool cloth for the fulfilment of their approved garment production programmes. The certificates will be issued to cover requirements for periods of four months. The cloths may be obtained either direct from manufacturers or through merchants. A certain proportion of the utility cloth manufactured will be available for supply otherwise than against these certificates.

Designated makers-up will have to place their orders for the whole of the cloth required for their programmes within a fortnight of the receipt of certificates.

*Interim Period.*—Cloth manufactured under the arrangements outlined above will probably not be available until mid-August. The present quota period under the Limitation of Supplies (Cloth and Apparel) Order, 1941, ends on 31 May. As from 1 June registered

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persons will not be obliged to restrict their total sales to unregistered persons. Some control of the direction of supplies may, however, be necessary in order to ensure that designated makers-up are not left short of cloth in the period between 1 June and the time when cloth manufactured under the arrangements outlined above becomes available. Enquiries are now being made to ascertain if interim measures of this kind will be necessary. If arrangements are made to direct cloth to designated makers-up in the interim period they will permit cloth to be supplied through merchants as well as direct.

## UTILITY FOOTWEAR AND PURCHASE TAX

The Treasury hereby give notice that pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, they propose to make an Order directing that Purchase Tax shall cease to be chargeable in respect of utility footwear. Any representations which interested parties may desire to make in regard to the proposed Order should be addressed in writing to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, City Gate House, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.2, not later than 28 May 1942.

## PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR AGRICULTURISTS

The arrangement already announced for the provision of coupon-free protective clothing for agriculturists has been extended to Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Agriculturists in Scotland will in the same way apply to an Agricultural Executive Committee, but land drainage workers will apply to the Department of Agriculture for Scotland and *not* to a Land Drainage Authority.

In Northern Ireland both agriculturists and land drainage workers apply to a County Agricultural Executive Officer. Agricultural Inspectors, officers and research officers who are based at headquarters of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, can obtain coupon-free protective clothing required for their official duties by obtaining a certificate signed by a responsible officer of the Ministry. Students and teachers of the Ulster Dairy School requiring protective clothing should also apply to the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

Arrangements have also been made to enable students and teachers at Agricultural Colleges, Farm Institutes, Research Institutes and Advisory Centres to obtain certain types of protective clothing coupon-free. Those wishing to avail themselves of these arrangements should obtain a declaration signed by the principal of one of the institutions authorised by the Board.

Traders may treat the certificates as coupon-equivalent documents valid for the purchase by them of any rationed goods of an equivalent coupon value.

## SIMPLIFIED CLOTHING

Garments not complying with the restrictions recently announced must be completed before the following dates :—

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|---|---|
| Women's dresses, blouses and cardigans... ... ... | 19 August |
| Other outerwear ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 August |

The arrangements for corsets, brassières and women's underwear are unaffected.

## NON-UTILITY KNITTED GOODS

After consultation with the National Federation of Hosiery Manufacturers Associations, the Board of Trade have decided to double the value of non-utility knitted goods which may be supplied by manufacturers during the period 1 June to 31 August. The value will accordingly be one-fifth of the value of the non-utility quota in the nine-months quota period just ending.

Manufacturers are asked to note that this quota will apply to knitted cloth as well as to garments, but not to garments made up of knitted cloth, where these are not now subject to quota control.

## FURNITURE STORAGE CHARGES CONTROL

The Board of Trade, after consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee, have made the Storage (Maximum Charges) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 837, price 1d.) controlling the charges made for the storage of domestic and office furniture and effects.

The Order provides that there shall be no increase above the charges at which storage contractors were accepting goods for storage on 1 September 1941, in the ordinary course of their business and the charges per load of 600 cubic feet, are not in any case to exceed 8s. per week in the London postal area (inner region) and 6s. 6d. per week elsewhere. These rates apply to consignments of goods occupying not more than 15,000 cubic feet. Larger consignments are subject to similar provisions, with corresponding maxima of 8s. 6d. and 7s. per week per thousand cubic feet.

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## TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

### ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

With reference to the notice in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16 May (p. 250) there is no further change to report.

### NETHERLANDS CONCERNS TRANSFERRED TO NETHERLANDS OVERSEA TERRITORY

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16 May (page 250), following is a further list of concerns which the Netherlands Government has certified as having transferred their seats from the Netherlands or the Netherlands East Indies :—

SEATS TRANSFERRED TO PARAMARIBO, SURINAM

N.V. Wm. H. Muller & Co., Erts- en Scheepsbedrijf.
Nederlandsche Handelmaatschappij N.V.
Holland Centraal-Amerika Handels-compagnie N.V.

## MOTOR FUEL RATIONING

The Motor Fuel Rationing Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 857, price 1d.), amends the Motor Fuel Rationing (No. 3) Order, 1941 (S. R. & O. 1941 No. 1592, price 3d.).

Among the provisions of the new Order is one which permits the police or any other authorised person to seize any motor fuel involved in an offence.

## MINISTRY OF FOOD ORDERS

In continuation of the list given in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 16 May (page 253), the following Orders made by the Ministry of Food have been published as S. R. & O. 1942, price 1d., save where indicated :—

No. 872. Order, dated 7 May 1942, amending the Food Transport Order, 1941, and giving directions thereunder.

No. 873. Order, dated 7 May 1942, amending the Meat Feeding Stuffs (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1941.

No. 874. General Licence, dated 7 May 1942, under the Horseflesh (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1941.

No. 875. Directions, dated 7 May 1942, under the Compound and Mixed Feeding Stuffs (Control) (No. 2) Order, 1940.

No. 876. Order dated 7 May 1942, amending the Flour (Restriction on Use) Order, 1942.

No. 877. The Gooseberries (Control of Picking) Order, 1942, dated 7 May 1942.

No. 884. Order, dated 9 May 1942, amending the Preserves (Rationing) Order, 1941.

No. 885. Order, dated 9 May 1942, amending the Food Control Committees (Local Distribution) Order, 1939, and the Food Control Committees (Licensing of Establishments) Order, 1941.

No. 899. Directions, dated 11 May 1942, under the Food Transport Order, 1941.

No. 900. The Milk Marketing (Special Areas) (Scotland) Order, 1942, dated 11 May 1942 (2d.)

No. 901. The Retail Deliveries (St. Andrews) Order, 1942, dated 11 May 1942.

No. 909. The Meals in Establishments Order, 1942, dated 12 May, 1942.

No. 910. Order, dated 12 May 1942 amending the Bacon (Addition of Borax) Order, 1940.

No. 917. Order, dated 13 May 1942 amending the Nuts (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1942.

## HARBOUR AND DOCK ORDERS

The Minister of War Transport has made the Southampton Harbour (Increase of Charges) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 926) and the Southern Railway—Southampton Docks—(Increase of Charges) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 927). Copies of these Orders may be obtained from the Ministry.

## BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

### GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION OF BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION

The Institution has received a communication from the Minister of Production to the effect that His Majesty's Government recognise the British Standards Institution as the sole organisation for the issue, in consultation with any Government, professional or industrial bodies concerned, of standards having a national application.

In regard to the preparation and issue of codes of practice for building and civil engineering work the Minister of Works and Buildings is making special arrangements by the appointment of a representative committee with which the B.S.I. is fully co-operating.

*(Further announcements will be found on page 267.)*

# Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

## BRITISH EMPIRE

### BRITISH INDIA

#### IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8 November 1941 (pages 283–286) and 15 November 1941 (pages 303–307), the Board of Trade have received a copy of Notification No. 18—I.T.C./42, dated 7 March, published in the Department of Commerce, which provides for the following further amendment to Notification No. 56 of 23 August 1941.

NOTIFICATION No. 56—I.T.C./41

*Part A of the Schedule*

Substitute for item against Serial No. 65, the following :—

"Printing paper, all sorts, not otherwise specified which contain mechanical wood pulp amounting to not less than 70 per cent. of the fibre content, excluding white printing paper which weighs not less than 40 grammes per square metre."

*Part B of the Schedule*

Substitute for item against Serial No. 34, the following :—

"Printing paper, white, which contains mechanical wood pulp amounting to not less than 70 per cent. of the fibre content and which weighs not less than 40 grammes per square metre."

NOTIFICATION No. 59—I.T.C./41

*Open General Licence No. II*

The following corrections should be made in the notice, under the above sub-heading, published in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9 May 1942 (page 243).

Before the figures and word "(1) Bobbins" insert "and in Nos. 65 and 67, the following articles used in Textile Industries other than Jute and Hemp."

In item 4 the word "boards" should read "bands."

In item 5 the word "cleaner" should read "clearer."

### CANADA

#### CUSTOMS TARIFF

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded to the Board of Trade copies of Memoranda (Series D, No. 47, T.C. 60, Revised, and 61), dated 23 and 27 April respectively, issued by the Department of National Revenue, which state that by Orders in Council (P.C. 3011 and 3299) the following new tariff items have been established :—

43b. Dried whey, dried skim milk and dried buttermilk, when imported for use as animal or poultry feeds or when imported for use in the manufacture of animal or poultry feeds :—

| | |
|---|---|
| British Preferential Tariff | Free |
| Intermediate Tariff | Free |
| General Tariff | Free |

(Effective from 1 April 1942 to 31 July 1942.)

608b. Sheepskin and goatskin leather, not further finished than tanned, when imported by tanners for processing in their own factories.

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|---|---|
| British Preferential Tariff | Free |
| Intermediate Tariff | 17½ per cent. |
| General Tariff | 20 per cent. |

(Effective from 1 April 1942.)

#### CONCESSIONS REGARDING DUTY VALUATION FOR CERTAIN GOODS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 29 November 1941 (page 338), H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded to the Board of Trade a copy of Appraisers' Bulletin Misc. No. 35, Supplement No. 4, dated 25 April, issued by the Department of National Revenue. The Bulletin adds *Plate glass* to the list of goods in respect of which the export selling prices will be accepted as a basis of valuation for duty purposes when such goods are the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom.

## FOREIGN

### FAROE ISLANDS

#### IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notice published under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20 December 1941 (pages 392–393), the Board of Trade have been informed that item 1201 (Leather and skin goods) has been transferred from the restricted to the free list.

### MEXICO

#### NEW INCOME TAX LAW

H.M. Minister at Mexico City has reported that new Income Tax Law Regulations were published in the "Diario Oficial" of 31 December 1941.

The Law provides for a considerable increase in the rates payable under Schedules I and II ; the increase under Schedule I approximates 60 per cent. The Excess Profits Tax is, however, discontinued.

Under paragraph 5 of Article 39 of the Regulations, salaries of directors and other officers of a company may not be deducted from the total profits for the purposes of assessment of Income Tax.

A translation of the Law and regulations may be seen by persons interested at the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, Grosvenor Road, London, S.W.1.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CLOTHING

The Board of Trade have received a copy of a United States Order, General Limitation Order L-85, which restricts types of women's and girls' clothing of wool, silk, rayon, cotton and linen by providing that no person shall, after the effective date of the Order, put into process any cloth for the manufacture of, or sell or deliver any feminine apparel as described in the Order.

The Order is effective as regards sales by retailers in the United States on 17 August.

A copy of the Order can be seen by persons interested on application at the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, Grosvenor Road, London, S.W.1.

# Statutory and Other Government Notices

## CORN PRICES

**The following statement shows the average prices of British corn per cwt. of 112 Imperial† pounds as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 16 May 1942 pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882, and the Corn Sales Act, 1921 :—**

| Period | Average Price for Cwt. | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Wheat | Barley | Oats |
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Week ended 16 May 1942 ... ... | 15 11 | 63 1 | 14 9 |

**† Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, as amended by Section 2 of the Corn Sales Act, 1921, provides that in the weekly summary of quantities and prices each sort of British corn shall be computed with reference to the hundredweight of one hundred and twelve Imperial standard pounds.**

## POSTAL SECTION

### GIBRALTAR: AIR MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

The Postmaster-General draws attention to the correct air mail postage rate to Gibraltar, about which some misapprehension seems to exist. Air mail letters addressed to Gibraltar, whether for members of H.M. Forces or for civilians, should be prepaid at the rate of 5d. for the first ounce and 3d. for each additional ounce. Air mail letters for H.M. Forces and civilians addressed to countries in Africa and Asia served by the Empire Air Services, and also for seagoing H.M. ships whose address is c/o G.P.O., London, should be prepaid at the rate of 1s. 3d. per ½ oz.

## Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Contd.*

### PARCEL POST SERVICE TO THE U.S.S.R.

The parcel post service to the U.S.S.R. was resumed on 11 May.

Exporters are reminded that all classes of goods sent by post to the U.S.S.R. are subject to the Export Licensing and Censor permit regulations.

### NEW CIVILIAN AIRGRAPH SERVICE

A civilian airgraph service is to be provided from this country to Egypt, India, Ceylon, Palestine, Transjordan, Cyprus, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Aden, British Somaliland and Seychelles. (There is already an airgraph service for H.M. Forces to these countries except India, Ceylon and Seychelles, and the troops will benefit from the extensions to those places.)

The Postmaster-General intends to introduce the new service very shortly, and he hopes to begin a similar service to East and South Africa within the next two or three months. The troops would benefit by these improvements. The charge in this country will be 8d. for each airgraph to a civilian address, but the cost to H.M. Forces will still be 3d.—the rate already charged for the Forces' airgraph to and from the Middle East.

## CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS ACT, 1938

### FILMS REGISTERED IN THE TWO WEEKS ENDED 18 MAY 1942

| Title of Film | Registered in the name of | Maker's name | Length (feet) | Registered No. | Date of Registration |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | BRITISH | | | |
| Balloon Site 568 ... ... | N.S.S. Productions Ltd. ... ... | Strand Film Co. Ltd. ... ... | 779 | BR/E. 5255 | 8 May |
| Go To Blazes ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ealing Studios Ltd. ... ... | 845 | BR/E. 5257 | 9 May |
| Pathé Pictorial Nos. 313/325 :— *Pathé Pictorial No.* 318 ... | Pathé Pictures Ltd. ... ... | Pathé Pictures Ltd. ... ... | 789 | RR/R. 5264 | 14 May |
| | | FOREIGN | | | |
| Winter Serenade ... ... | General Film Distributors Ltd. ... | Universal Pictures Co. Inc. ... | 1,166 | F. 5232 | 5 May |
| The Gay Nineties ... ... | Ditto ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,355 | F. 5233 | 5 May |
| Rhumba Rhythms ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,343 | F. 5234 | 5 May |
| Swing Frolic ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,316 | F. 5235 | 5 May |
| Annapolis Salutes The Navy | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 855 | F. 5236 | 5 May |
| Peaceful Quebec at War ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 838 | F. 5237 | 5 May |
| Junior Battlefleet ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 825 | F. 5238 | 5 May |
| Blacksmith Dentist ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 818 | F. 5239 | 5 May |
| Overland Mail (Serial) :— *Ep.* 1. *A Race With Disaster* ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,611 | F. 5240 | 5 May |
| *Ep.* 2. *Flaming Havoc* ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,718 | F. 5241 | 5 May |
| *Ep.* 3. *The Menacing Herd*... ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,595 | F. 5242 | 5 May |
| Screen Snapshots No. 98 ... | Columbia Pictures Corp. Ltd. ... | Columbia Pictures Corp. ... ... | 891 | F. 5243 | 7 May |
| Love In Gloom ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,908 | F. 5244 | 7 May |
| Who's Zoo in Hollywood ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 656 | F. 5245 | 7 May |
| In The Sweet Pie And Pie ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,571 | F. 5246 | 7 May |
| The Blitzkiss ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,353 | F. 5247 | 7 May |
| So You Think You Know Music No. 2. | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 867 | F. 5248 | 7 May |
| Lovable Trouble ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,474 | F. 5249 | 7 May |
| Community Sing No 44 ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 758 | F. 5250 | 7 May |
| Community Sing No. 45 ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 860 | F. 5251 | 7 May |
| Strange Facts... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 871 | F 5252 | 7 May |
| Jungle Fishing ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 975 | F. 5253 | 7 May |
| The Great Cheese Mystery ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 683 | F. 5254 | 7 May |
| To Be Or Not To Be ... | United Artists Corp. Ltd. ... | Romaine Film Productions Inc.... | 8,886 | F. 5256 | 8 May |
| Highway To Freedom ... | Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Ltd. | Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer ... ... | 5,472 | F. 5258 | 12 May |
| Kid Glove Killer ... ... | Ditto ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 6,617 | F. 5259 | 12 May |
| Nazi Agent ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 7,522 | F. 5260 | 12 May |
| This Gun For Hire ... | Paramount Film Service Ltd. ... | Paramount Pictures Inc. ... | 7,259 | F. 5261 | 13 May |
| Sweater Girl ... ... ... | Ditto ... | Ditto ... ... | 7,018 | F. 5262 | 13 May |
| Rio Rita ... ... ... | Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures Ltd. | Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer ... ... | 8,184 | F. 5263 | 14 May |
| Overland Mail (serial) :— *Ep.* 4. *The Bridge of Disaster* | General Film Distributors Ltd. | Universal Pictures Co. Inc. ... | 1,676 | F. 5265 | 18 May |
| *Ep.* 5. *Hurled To The Depths* | Ditto ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,591 | F. 5266 | 18 May |
| *Ep.* 6. *Death At The Stake* ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,651 | F. 5267 | 18 May |
| *Ep.* 7. *The Path Of Peril* ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,554 | F. 5268 | 18 May |
| *Ep.* 8. *Imprisoned In Flames* | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,698 | F. 5269 | 18 May |
| *Ep.* 9. *Hidden Danger* ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,638 | F. 5270 | 18 May |
| *Ep.* 10. *Blazing Wagons* ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,754 | F. 5271 | 18 May |
| *Ep.* 11. *The Trail Of Terror* | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,716 | F. 5272 | 18 May |
| *Ep.* 12. *In The Claws Of The Cougar.* | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 1,637 | F. 5273 | 18 May |
| The Night Before The Divorce | Twentieth Century-Fox Film Co. Ltd. | Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp. | 6,016 | F. 5274 | 18 May |
| Son Of Fury ... ... ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 8,829 | F. 5275 | 18 May |
| A Gentleman At Heart ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 6,017 | F. 5276 | 18 May |
| The Mad Martindales ... | Ditto ... ... | Ditto ... ... | 5,845 | F. 5277 | 18 May |

BR/E. indicates "for the exhibitors' quota only."
BR/R. indicates "for the exhibitors' and renters' quotas.'

### ALTERATION OF LENGTH

| Title of Film | Registration No. | Date of Publication in "Board of Trade Journal" | Original Length (feet) | Amended Length (feet) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Waltzes From Vienna ... | BR. 9870 ... ... ... ... | 1 March 1934 ... ... ... ... | 7,206 | 6,200 |
| Sleeping Car ... ... ... | BR. 8849 ... ... ... ... | 15 June 1933 ... ... ... ... | 7,472 | 6,470 |

## Statutory and Other Government Notices—*Contd.*

## PATENT AND DESIGNS ACTS, 1907 TO 1942

### PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24

#### Licences of Right

The following Patents were endorsed "Licences of Right" on the dates specified below :—

| No. of Patent | Grantee | Subject Matter |
|---|---|---|
| | 27 *April* 1942. | |
| 292341 | Dunlop Rubber Co. Ltd. & ors. ... | Collapsible tyre cores. |
| 313102 | | Moulding apparatus. |
| 316896 | | Moulding apparatus. |
| 331625 | | Moulding of hollow playing balls. |
| 497601 | Stansmore, C. A. & anr. | Casement windows and the like. |
| 504596 | Fazakerley, J. ... | Railway joint. |
| 512351 | Tod Ltd., W. & J. & anr. | Mountings for engines, machinery and the like. |
| 513403 | Akt. Ges. Brown Boveri & Cie. | Liquid-sealed slip ring stuffing boxes for rotating shafts. |
| 514441 | Taylor, Taylor & Hobson Ltd & anr. | Improvements in or relating to objectives. |
| | 1 *May* 1942 | |
| 455830 | Stevens, A. H. (General Tire & Rubber Co.) | Tyres and treads therefor. |
| 493566 | Davey, Parma & Co. (Colchester) Ltd. & anr. | Sectional boilers. |
| 494402 | General Tire & Rubber Co. | Sealing gaskets for pipe joints. |
| 495882 | English Electric Co. Ltd. | Electric regulating switches employing a conducting liquid. |
| 495934 | Bolidens Gruvaktiebolag. | Solution for preserving organic fibrous materials such as textiles. |
| 514495 | Booth & Sons Ltd., A., & anr. | Ladies' stockings. |
| 516708 | Watts, A. J. ... | Air and fuel supplying means for furnaces. |
| 517515 | Short Bros (Rochester & Bedford) Ltd. | Hulls of flying or motor boats. |
| 525195 | Tingle J. G. ... ... | Two-wheeled motor vehicles. |
| 540705 | MacLellan & Co. Ltd., G., & anr. | Ground sheet which is convertible for wear as a cape. |
| | 9 *May* 1942 | |
| 482077 | Rover Co. Ltd. ... | Clutches suitable for change-speed mechanism. |
| | 11 *May* 1942 | |
| 455520 | McAlister, J. A. ... | Draught and weather excluders for doors, casement windows and like closures. |
| 475163 | Gray, W. E. | Aeroplane wing flaps. |
| 475500 | | |
| 501266 | | Nozzle bodies of turbines. |
| 518767 | | Regulation of constant pressure gas turbine installations particularly for the propulsion of ships. |
| 524593 | | Operation of axial compressors. |
| 524694 | | Operation of metal air heaters and similar heat exchangers. |
| 524794 | | Protection of machine parts against high temperature. |
| 526331 | Akt. Ges. Brown Boveri & Cie. | Blast heaters or like heat exchangers operating on the regenerative principle. |
| 526755 | | Blast and like air and gas heaters. |
| 533893 | | Production of hot gases under pressure by means of a gas turbine. |
| 538965 | | Tubular heat exchangers. |
| 539069 | | Pipes, containers, casings or the like for gases of high temperature. |
| 508130 | Dewey, D. ... ... | Hand tool for re-grooving worn rubber tyres of vehicles. |
| 510677 | Triggs, W. W. (Akt. Ges. Brown Boveri & Cie.) | Metal air heaters for blast furnaces. |
| 521143 | | Wind tunnels. |
| 523298 | Donald, P. G., & anr. | Flushing cisterns. |
| 524723 | Simon, J. ... ... | Winding-up device for watches. |
| 539044 | Wingfoot Corporation | Airtight packages and methods of forming same. |

#### Cancellation of Endorsement "Licences of Right"

Notice is hereby given that the endorsement "Licences of Right" upon the Letters Patent No. 443713 dated 2 August 1934 and granted to Alfred Bignell Connolly for an invention entitled "Improvements in electric incandescent lamps" was cancelled on 23 April 1942.

The Patent Office. M. F. Lindley.
*Comptroller-General.*

## Announcements.

(*Continued from page 264.*)

### CONCRETE ROAD SLABS

The British Standards Institution have just issued the above war emergency specification for concrete road slabs. The Foreword to the standard explains that the specification is intended to give the minimum requirements for the construction of *in situ* concrete paving for wartime roads, approaches, parking places and similar work. It is not intended to apply to public roads and thoroughfares administered by a highway authority.

The specification is in four parts. The first part deals with the preliminary foundation work to be carried out before the concrete road is laid; the second part specifies the quality of the materials used in the concrete; the third part deals with the mixing and the placing of the cement, that is, the proportions of the concrete mix, the method of mixing, the period of curing to be allowed before traffic is admitted to the road, etc.

The fourth part relates to the dimensions of the slabs, the methods of making joints between slabs and the precautions to be observed when the concrete is laid down in cold weather.

The specification should be particularly useful to those engaged at the present time in the layout and building of camps, hostels, factories, and other war buildings which necessitate the construction of temporary roads.

Copies of this specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. 3d. post free.

### WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR

A new War Emergency British Standard Specification for Women's Rayon Underwear has just been issued under reference BS/BOT2. This standard defines the methods of manufacture and minimum sizes for women's underwear made from woven rayon and certain knitted rayon fabrics. It also contains details of the maximum yardage permitted for each type and size of garment as issued by the Board of Trade. A summary of the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) No. 3 Order, S. R. & O. 1942 No. 658, which contains provisions making the manufacture of such garments conditional upon compliance with the terms of the specification, is also included.

Copies of the specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 1s. (post free 1s. 3d.). Both manufacturers and retailers will find this publication essential in interpreting S. R. & O. No. 658.

For display in design and cutting departments and to provide an easy means of reference to the requirements of the specification, wall charts are available, price 1s. (post free 1s. 6d.), and can be obtained from the above address. (Please quote Ref. No. BS/BOT 2C.)

### WOMEN'S BLOUSES

A new War Emergency British Standard Specification for Women's Blouses has just been issued under reference BS/BOT3. This standard defines the methods of manufacture and minimum sizes for women's blouses made from woven cotton, rayon and woollen fabrics. A summary of the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) No. 6 Order, S. R. & O. 1942 No. 784 which contains provisions making the manufacture of such garments conditional upon compliance with the terms of the specification is also included.

Copies of the specification may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 1s. (post free 1s. 3d.). Both manufacturers and retailers will find this publication essential in interpreting S. R. & O. No. 784.

For display in design and cutting departments and to provide an easy means of reference to the requirements of the specification, wall charts are available, price 1s. 3d. (post free 1s. 6d.), and can be obtained from the above address. (Please quote Ref. No. BS/BOT 3C.)

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

*War Risks Insurance on Exports and Imports*, by W. B. Pototzky. Published by the Buckley Press Ltd., Astor House, London, W.C.2. Price 3s. 9d., post free.

The publication is a practical guide for exporters, importers, merchants, bankers, solicitors, shipping agents and insurance brokers and agents. This comprehensive review explains the war risks insurance granted by the War Risks Insurance Office and Lloyd's underwriters and companies respectively, and includes valuable hints on effecting the most suitable form of insurance. Separate sections deal with points such as "commencement and termination of the war risks insurance," "interior transit," "basis of valuation," "open cover," etc. The section "claims" will be of special interest as it not only enumerates the documents required, but also advises how to complete them correctly which will result in a speeding up of the claims settlement.

## EXPORT CREDITS GUARANTEES

### PROVISION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS

**Under the provisions of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939, the Export Credits Guarantee Department is authorised to give guarantees to United Kingdom exporters for the purpose of encouraging export trade. War conditions have greatly increased the risks to which exporters are exposed in oversea trading, and the Department has put into operation special facilities giving them protection against these risks on exceptionally favourable terms.**

The standard form of cover is the War Emergency policy which covers the exporter of consumable goods sold for cash, or on short credit, from the time he books an order until he receives the amount due to him in payment for the goods. An exporter who is prepared to insure with the Department the whole of his export orders can thus obtain protection against loss due to :—

(*a*) his buyer's insolvency ;

(*b*) exchange restrictions in the buyer's country ;

(*c*) events such as war in the buyer's country preventing payment for goods shipped or preventing their delivery ;

(*d*) additional handling, insurance and freight charges not covered by Marine or Government war risk policies caused by interruption or diversion (through British Government instructions) of the voyage on which the goods are shipped.

The cover at present available is either 85 per cent. or 90 per cent., according to the particular risk.

The Department also issues a policy which enables exporters to quote firm c.i.f. prices some months ahead of shipment. Under this guarantee exporters in respect of any c.i.f. transaction are covered against any rise in marine insurance, Government war risk insurance and freight rates occurring within an agreed period (normally six months).

Other policies are available to meet special requirements of exporters in particular cases.

The strictest secrecy is observed in all correspondence and transactions.

Exporters are invited to apply for further particulars to the Headquarters of the Export Credits Guarantee Department at 9, Clements Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.4, or to any of the branch offices :—

London—73 King William Street, E.C.4.
Telephone—MANsion House 3131

Manchester—Midland Bank Buildings, 56, Spring Gardens,
Telephone : Blackfriars 9866.

Bradford—69, Market Street.
Telephone : Bradford 8912.

Birmingham—37, Temple Street, Birmingham, 2.
Telephone : Midland 1527.

Sheffield—Fargate House, Fargate, Sheffield, 1.
Telephone : Sheffield 25898.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne—21, Mosley Street.
Telephone : Newcastle 21104.

Glasgow—7, West George Street, C.2.
Telephone : Central 3056.

Belfast—Scottish Provident Buildings, 7, Donegall Square West.
Telephone : Belfast 21116.

Edinburgh—A representative of the Department is in attendance every Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce, 25, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, where he may be consulted on all matters connected with the Department's work.

In many other industrial towns the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to arrange appointments for interviews with officers of the Export Credits Guarantee Department visiting the locality. Such visits are made at frequent intervals for the convenience of exporters.

## COMPANY MEETING

## IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

### FACTORIES AT FULL CAPACITY

The fifteenth ordinary general meeting of Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, will be held on 28 May in London.

In a statement circulated with the report and accounts, the chairman (The Rt. Hon. Lord McGowan, K.B.E., D.C.L., LL.D.) writes :—

As a result of the pressure of the war for more production, our factories have worked to capacity throughout the year. The performance of the various plants, maintained at a high level, testifies to the excellence of the equipment, the standard of maintenance which it is our practice to keep, and the technical control. The volume of output to meet demands has for a number of products touched new peaks.

We have continued our basic price policy. It is to approach every case with a reluctance to advance the price and not move unless we are convinced of the need for a change by the emergence of factors which are likely to be permanent, or unless a change is called for by the general symmetry of the price structure for related products. Where the expansion of demand and growth of efficiency have made it possible, we have made price reductions, notwithstanding all the conditions of war.

#### Overseas Activity

When we look back on the numerous and growing difficulties with which our efforts to promote our export trade have been surrounded, we are surprised by the degree in which volume has been maintained.

Our main manufacturing subsidiary or associated companies in the British Empire—Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia and New Zealand, Canadian Industries, and African Explosives and Industries—have continued their successful progress. Within the limitations of shipping, exchange resources and locally available materials, they have continued to expand their own activities, which like ours have grown with the intensity of the war effort.

The unprovoked attack by Japan upon the United States and the embroilment of the whole of the Far East by the declaration of war on the United Nations, has vitally affected our companies in Japan, China and Malaya. We had, however, not been unmindful of the risks of carrying on business in these areas, and had from time to time in preceding years made ample provisions against contingent losses in the territories now occupied by the enemy in the Far East. I must, however, warn you, now Japan is at the gates of Australia and India, that we have very large interests, both of revenue and capital nature in those countries, through Imperial Chemical Industries of Australia and New Zealand and I.C.I. (India).

#### Research and Development

Our research activities during 1941 have again covered a wide field. They have embraced problems arising out of new plant conditions brought about by war circumstances, such as the substitution of novel raw materials for normal ones now unprocurable and the development of entirely new products of both present national and possible future commercial importance. Our research staffs in this task have shown much original and ingenious thinking, while our readiness to assist have been highly appreciated.

War conditions call for the development of research ideas through the semi-technical stage to full-scale operation much more rapidly than for peace-time, and particular attention has been given to the development of new projects. Important materials are now being supplied by processes which not long since were in the hands of the laboratory staffs. The company is collaborating with other concerns in this country where exchange of technical information appears to be in the national interest, and in some instances is voluntarily supplying its technique to industry.

#### Financial Results

The total gross income shown in the consolidated income statement is £19,956,000, compared with £19,016,000 for 1940. This increase of £940,000 is largely to be ascribed to the expansion of our activities. The net consolidated income, however, has declined from £6,576,000 to £6,243,000, a fall of £333,000. Once again the conversion of an increase of £940,000 in gross income into a reduction of £333,000 in net income is due to taxation. The net burden from this cause to be borne by the company, and its subsidiaries, after allowing for income tax recoverable from dividends to stockholders, is £8,762,000, compared with £7,385,000 last year, or an increase of £1,377,000. The difficulties which flow from high taxation, and the drain on cash resources from this and other special war-time measures unfortunately still remain. For instance, the restriction of our financial resources has not permitted us this year, like last year, to write off capital expenditure on air raid precautions against revenue. The cumulative cost of all air raid precaution expenditure, both capital and revenue, to 31 December 1941 was over £3,400,000.

Our interests are indissolubly tied up with those of the nation and we have special responsibilities by reason of the magnitude of our interests, the national needs for the products we make, and their vital importance in war. We shall endeavour fully to discharge them, and I am confident that every man and woman associated with the company will spare no effort to contribute his or her part.

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